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### Meeting Minutes

Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging  
Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues

(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034)

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging & Disability Services Division  
445 Apple Street, Suite 104  
Reno NV 89503

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

**Committee Members Present:** Jeff Klein, Larry Weiss, Lucy Peres,  
Diane Ross, Grady Tarbutton, Lisa Krasner, Senator Mark Manendo

**Consultant:** Barry Gold

**Committee members absent:**

**Staff members present:** Sally Ramm, Tina Padovano.

A quorum was declared.

II. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item.)

No Public Comment.

III. Make recommendations regarding the mission of the COA Legislative Subcommittee, including but not limited to relationship between this Subcommittee and the Strategic Plan Subcommittee  
(for possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Jeffrey Klein stated that during the last 3 years the subcommittee has tried to have legislative community events. In the past there were events in Laughlin, Mesquite, and Las Vegas. There has been some discussion of having an event in the Southeastern section of the Las Vegas Valley. Legislators and agency representatives have historically been present. It has historically been a forum type of meeting for the community to discuss issues for the state to tackle. The meetings have helped educate the public and legislators. Mr. Klein believes these events to be successful in the past. Also present at the meetings have been people that are very active with senior issues and are there to educate. Mr. Klein stated that the Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues can be active in raising issues, educating legislators, as well as the rest of the state and local government.

Discussion followed including the following:

- There is a need to find current legislators who will be interested in issues affecting senior citizens and willing to work on legislation regarding those issues.
- The Legislative Subcommittee could work on getting to know and educating legislators on both sides of the aisle on behalf of the Commission on Aging.
- Legislative events should be held in Southern Nevada, as well as in Washoe County and perhaps Elko.
- The format of these events could be patterned after those events that have been held in the past. The AARP voter's guide could be used to highlight certain issues. A panel would consist of current or former legislators, candidates for public office, a representative from ADSD, a Commissioner from the Commission on Aging, and a moderator.
- Candidate Debate - with candidates for office participating, current Legislators and candidates.
- Another format that was discussed is a town hall type meeting, inviting the public, and elected local officials. It could be moderated by a member of the Subcommittee or a Commissioner from the Commission on Aging.
- The third type of format would be a roundtable where current and past legislators would sit around the table with members of the Subcommittee and other invitees and discuss the issues of Nevada's elderly and how the legislature can help to alleviate them.
- Grady Tarbutton offered to share a packet that Washoe County developed for the Senior Advisory Council to use as questions in any of these formats.
- Larry Weiss suggested that the media be invited to any events that are held.
- Issues to be discussed could be determined by analysis of the reports that the Integration and Strategic Plan Committee will prepare after their key informant interviews, written surveys and town hall meetings are completed, along with the information being gathered by the COA NRS 439 Subcommittee, which is doing a report on the Independent Living Grants (tobacco settlement funds) based on public input.

An action should be developed. Some ideas for the list could be developing a top ten issue list, organizing a “get to know you” with legislators, round tables and open forum activities. This action plan could be a one year plan.

Sally Ramm will send out the available reports to committee members. The Strategic Plan Committee will have all of their information available by mid-December and the NRS 439 report must be done by the first of June, 2014. Grady Tarbutton stated that the Washoe County Strategic Plan will be posted by January or February of 2014.

#### Action Plan List Ideas:

- Form a list of the top ten issues for Nevada’s senior population.
- Organize an event in Northern Nevada and one or two events in Southern Nevada. Possibly organize an event in Eastern Nevada.
- Prepare a list of potential invitees.

#### IV. Election of Chair and Co-Chair

**(for possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Motion made by Lucy Peres nominating Jeffrey Klein for Chair and Diane Ross for Co-Chair. Larry Weiss seconded the motions. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### V. Assignment of Duties to Subcommittee members.

**(for possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

This item was not discussed.

#### VI. Consider Topics and/or Agenda Items, for Next Meeting

**(for possible action)**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

#### VII. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item)

No Public Comment.

#### VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

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2. Aging and Disability Services Division ,Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division ,Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division , Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
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6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave, Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
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